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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH- JULY 25, 1974

SUMMARY:

1. DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT
TO RESEARCH NOT FORMING THE BASIS TO ANY CLAIMS AND THEN
MOVED TO THE ISSUE OF THE RIGHT TO UNDERTAKE MARINE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH. RESTRICTIVE PROPOSAL ON THIS LATTER
ISSUE WAS PUT FOWARD BY BRAZIL AND CO-SPONSORED BY FIVE
OTHERS. END SUMMARY.

2. SESSION BEGAN WITH ANNOUNCEMENT BY METTERNICH THAT
AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO OUTLINE FOR THE CMPARATIVE TABLE TO WHICH NO
OBJECTION WAS MADE.

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3. AFTER INCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE ALTERNATIVES ON RESEARCH NOT FORMING THE LEGAL BASIS FOR ANY CLAIM TO ANY PART OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OR ITS RESOURCES, DISCUSSION THEN MOVED TO DISCUSSION OF THE RIGHT TO UNDERTAKE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. CHAIRMAN NOTED FIVE ALTERNATIVE TEXTS HAD BEEN PREPARED LAST SUMMER WHICH WERE SET FORTH IN THE SEABED COMMITTEE REPORT AS WG.3/PAPER NO. 5. HE NOTED THAT ALTERNATIVE A HAD RECEIVED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT.

4. BRAZIL WAS THE FIRST SPEAKER TO TAKE THE FLOOR AND INTRODUCED A PROPOSAL CO-SPONSORED BY YUGOSLAVIA, CHINA, BURMA, PAKISTAN AND IRAN. BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL PROVIDED THAT COASTAL STATE HAS EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE AREAS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION AND/OR SOVEREIGNTY, AND TO REGULATE AND AUTHORIZE RESEARCH BY OTHER STATES. SECOND PARAGRAPH OF PROPOSAL PROVIDED ALL STATES MAY UNDERTAKE RESEARCH BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THIS CONVENTION AND THE REGULATIONS TO BE SET FORTH BY THE AUTHORITY". INDIA ENDORSED BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL BUT SUGGESTED FOLLOWING PHRASE BE ADDED TO END OF SECOND PARAGRAPH "IN THE FIELD OF ITS COMPETENCE." SPAIN SUGGESTED AMENDMENT THAT WOULD LIMIT AUTHORITY'S REGULATORY ROLE TO THE SEABED BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION. LIBYA, ECUADOR, SOMALIA, GUYANA AND PERU ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL. MEXICO INDICATED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL BUT STATED THERE SHOULD BE TWO AREAS, ONE OF JURISDICTION AND THE OTHER OF SOVEREIGNTY.

5. US AND USSR REJECTED BRAZIL'S PROPOSAL AND REAFFIRMED SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVES C AND E, RESPECTIVELY, OF LAST SUMMER'S TEXT. IN AN IMPORTANT INTERVENTION, TANZANIA SUPPORTED THE US TEXT (ARTICLE 1 OF OUR DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES). FRG IN A LOW KEY STATEMENT SUGGESTED THAT THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL ENCOMPASSED TOO MANY CONCEPTS AND THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL RIGHT ONLY BEFORE DISCUSSING LIMITATIONS ON THE RIGHT. IRELAND SPOKE IN FAVOR OF COMBINING THE FIRST SENTENCE OF

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